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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 5, 2001

APPLICATION OF VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS

CASE NO. PUE010307

Annual Informational Filing For Test Year Ending September 30, 2001.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO MODIFY ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL FILING REQUIREMENT

On May 24, 2001, Virginia Natural Gas, Inc. ("VNG" or "Company"), filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a Motion for Modification of Annual Informational Filing Requirement. VNG states that, consistent with the Commission's Final Order in the Company's last rate case, Case No. PUE960227, and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Increase Applications and Annual Informational Filings, it has filed an Annual Informational Filing ("AIF") for test years ending on June 30 in 1998, 1999, and 2000. VNG's next AIF is due to be filed 120 days following June 30, 2001.

In its motion, VNG notes that it was purchased by AGL Resources Inc. ("AGL") on October 1, 2000, pursuant to authority granted by the Commission in Case No. PUA000034. VNG states that AGL conducts its business on a fiscal year ending September

30, and that the Company has recently modified and adjusted its business and accounting policies and practices to be consistent with those of its new corporate parent.

VNG requests permission to change the twelve-month test period for its next AIF to the period ending September 30, 2001, with the Company filing its AIF no later than Monday, January 28, 2002, or within 120 days after the close of the modified test year. VNG avers that the modification of its AIF reporting requirement to permit a test year ending September 30, 2001, and every September 30 thereafter, will not result in any significant changes in the data reported or in the outcome following analysis by the Company and by the Staff compared to that which would result from a test year ending June 30, 2001. The Company's motion represents that the Commission Staff does not oppose this request.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of VNG's Motion for Modification of Annual Informational Filing Requirement, is of the opinion and finds that the motion should be granted.

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE010307.
- (2) VNG's motion to modify the scheduling of the Company's next AIF from the test year ending June 30, 2001, to a test year ending September 30, 2001 is granted.

- (3) VNG's test year for its AIFs shall be modified from a test year ending June 30, 2001, to one ending September 30, 2001, and every September 30 thereafter.
- (4) VNG shall file in this docket its AIF for the twelvemonth test year ending September 30, 2001, no later than January 28, 2002, or no more than 120 days after the close of its modified test year.
- (5) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.